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education generally is not a mere tinkering with responsions or the previous examination, but to lay down by what avenues of study a university degree may be approached and how the various examinations may be adjusted to them. 'Compulsory Greek' is but an incident of this larger question.—The London *Times*.

#### STUDENTS OF THE GERMAN UNIVERSITIES.

A CONSULAR report states that this winter semester there are in Germany 39,716 matriculated students, against 39,581 during the past summer semester, and 39,718 last winter. At the beginning of the nineties there were in round numbers 29,000 students, and in the winter of 1894-95, 28,105; the third ten thousand was not reached until the winter 1897-98, when the number was 31,110, since which time there has been a steady increase until now, when the fourth ten thousand has been nearly reached. The numbers of those in attendance at the several universities during the winter semester 1894-95, the present winter semester, and the two previous semesters, were as follows:

University.	Winter 1894-95.	Winter 1903-4.	Summer 1904.	Winter 1904-5.
Berlin .....	5,031	7,503	6,096	7,774
Munich.....	3,475	4,906	4,946	4,766
Leipzig.....	2,985	3,772	3,575	3,880
Bonn.....	1,518	2,294	2,818	2,568
Halle.....	1,539	1,753	1,780	1,881
Breslau.....	7,293	1,770	1,800	1,870
Göttingen.....	804	1,370	1,581	1,574
Freiberg.....	1,136	1,331	2,029	1,501
Tübingen ..	1,165	1,387	1,581	1,407
Strassburg.....	949	1,333	1,299	1,395
Heidelberg.....	1,028	1,359	1,655	1,371
Würzburg.....	1,347	1,283	1,322	1,295
Marburg.....	800	1,154	1,421	1,276
Münster.....	411	1,204	1,255	1,256
Giessen.....	528	1,071	1,093	1,069
Jena.....	635	816	1,024	953
Erlangen.....	1,131	982	373	942
Königsberg.....	709	925	1,018	932
Kiel.....	504	758	1,000	745
Greifswald.....	750	687	775	705
Rostock.....	420	519	540	556

The number of students pursuing different subjects was:

	Number of Students.	
	1894-95.	1904-05.
Law .....	7,380	11,777
Philology and history .....	3,083	8,322
Medicine.....	7,768	5,906
Mathematics and science.....	2,525	5,688
Evangelical theology.....	3,083	2,136
Catholic theology.. ..	1,404	1,678
Pharmacy.....	1,214	1,387
Agriculture.....	883	1,055
Forestry .....	413	1,024
Dentistry.....	282	596
Veterinary surgery.....	70	149
Total.....	28,105	39,718

#### THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF SAO PAULO.

THE state of Sao Paulo, Brazil, has since 1886 maintained a Geographical and Geological Survey, the only organization of its kind on the South American continent, which up to the present time has made a detailed topographical map of nearly a third of its territory and made geological contributions that have attracted world-wide attention. Later the government of the same state established an engineering school with the title of Esclaa Polytechnica de Sao Paulo that aspires to be, and in many respects is, one of the first of its kind on the continent. A correspondent informs us that about four years ago a group of professors of the newly organized school initiated a campaign to undermine the older organization. The organizer and chief of the survey, Dr. Orville A. Derby, has been forced to resign, being accompanied by the chief topographer, Dr. Horace E. Williams, and by the largest and best part of the topographical staff. A railroad engineer has been appointed to succeed Dr. Derby and the government of the state, while announcing its intention of greatly improving the service, is now wrestling with the problem of mapping its territory without trained topographers.

#### THE PROGRAM OF STUDIES OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

THE trustees of Columbia University have this month adopted a new program of studies for the college on the recommendation of the faculty.